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Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless if displays a valid OMB control nu Docket No. (Optional) PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) 66011-0120 In re Application of Dave Kirti, et al. **Application Number** Filed February 17, 2000 09/505,898 RAPID ASSAY FOR ARTHROPOD-BORNE DISEASE VECT For: AND PATHOGENS U. Winkler Examiner Group Art Unit 1648 This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application. The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows (check time period desired): One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) \$ Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2)) \$ 930.00 Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) \$ Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4)) Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5)) Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed. Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. The Commissioner has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit 18-0013 any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet. applicant/inventor. I am the assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96). attorney or agent of record. attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34(a). Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34(a February 27, 2003 Signature 03/06/2003 CN UYEN 00000083 180013 09505898 Peter J. Rashid 465.00 CH Typed or Printed Name NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below forms are submitted.

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